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Applicant : Elizabeth A. Gomez
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Title : KITS AND METHODS FOR AUTOANTIBODY DETECTION

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Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action dated February 27, 2006, the Examiner acknowledges and enters Applicant's amendment filed December 1, 2005, but declines to enter Applicant's amendments filed May 2, 2006. Claims 1-15 and 17-22 remain pending and claims 1-12 are withdrawn. Applicant renews its request for rejoinder of claims 6-12 upon allowance of one or more product claims 13-22. The Examiner rejects claims 13-22 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claims 13-15 and 17-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Applicant traverses these rejections and respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

Amendments to the Specification: Begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims: Begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None

Remarks/Arguments: Begin on page 8 of this paper.